

February 26, 2009 - McCollum Announces Over \$23 Million for MN Projects  
House Passes FY09 Omnibus Spending Bill, 245-178 Vote  
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Washington, DC –Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04), Minnesota’s member on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, today announced \$23,630,000 in federal funding for projects in the Fourth Congressional District, as the House passes the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act (H.R. 1105).

“Minnesota has been hit hard economically and this \$23 million in federal investments will go a long way to create good local jobs, improve connectivity and strengthen our state’s economy,” Congresswoman McCollum said.

The \$410 billion omnibus spending bill will fund the federal government for the balance of fiscal year 2009. The legislation is slated for final passage by Congress next week and then heads to President Obama’s desk to be signed into law.

The following are projects secured by Congresswoman McCollum in the fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Fourth Congressional District Federally Funded Projects (FY09)

Transportation Infrastructure:

\$20 Million Central Corridor Light Rail Transit  
\$475,000 Red Rock Corridor Intermodal Bus and Bus Facilities (Newport, MN)  
\$475,000 Snelling Avenue Pedestrian Safety Median

Healthcare and Community Services:

\$466,000 Metropolitan State University, Faculty Model for Addressing Nursing Shortage  
\$238,000 Jewish Family Service, Aging in Place Initiative  
\$285,000 Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare, Electronic Medical Record system  
\$285,000 Highland Park Clinic, Ambulatory Electronic Medical Record  
\$381,000 University of Minnesota, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and BSL-3 Facility

Workforce Training:

\$500,000 Twin Cities Rise! (Job training program for ex-offenders)

Agriculture and Food Security:

\$290,000 University of Minnesota Cereal Disease Lab  
\$235,000 University of Minnesota Uniform Farm Management Program

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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